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Voters ready for Nov. 6 election

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – After the town has recovered from the effects of Hurricane Sandy, residents here will be tasked the same responsibility as the rest of the country in terms of casting their ballots for president and vice president, as well several other regional races in the state and federal legislatures.

Town Clerk Richard Theroux is predicting more than 80 percent of the voting population will turnout for the National Election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

“I think it is going to be very high,” Theroux said Monday morning. “We are working diligently to make sure the election goes as smooth as possible.”

With eight precincts in town, Theroux said extra poll workers have been hired and there will be a program for inactive voters to be able to vote. Theroux said inactive voters occur in situations where they do not return their census, but are still registered and can vote once they have checked in at the polling location and address their inactive status.

“Our goal is to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to vote,” said Theroux.

He said there are currently more than 17,000 voters in Agawam, and the number is still growing, as the clerk’s office receives more voter registrations that were filed by the Oct. 17 deadline.

“We are still processing applications we have received,” said Theroux.

In addition to the turnout at Agawam Town Hall, more than 1,000 absentee ballots have already been issued for college students and other residents that

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Turley Publications photos by Connie J. Casagrande

The Depergola family had a graveyard theme at the Granger Elementary Trunk or Treat. Olivia, 11, and Nicole, 9, were happy to hand out some treats. See more photos on pages 12-13.

Three charged following mailbox ‘bombs’

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

AGAWAM — Police have made three arrests in connection with explosives left in mailboxes throughout town last week after warning residents that the devices were left in at least six mailboxes.

According to the Agawam Police Department arrest log, Amber R. Greene, 17, of 24 White Fox Road, Agawam, and two juveniles whose names were not released were charged in connection with the incident.

The three individuals are being charged with wanton destruction of property under \$250 (two counts), exploding an explosive, incendiary or destructive device or substance (two counts) and placing an explosive, incendiary or destructive device or substance (four counts).

Agawam Police Detective Lt. Richard Light issued a pre-recorded Blackboard Connect (formerly Connect-CTY) message last Wednesday, Oct. 24, to alert residents to the pressure-activated explosive devices reported to the department over the weekend.

According to Light, the devices were made using plastic soda bottles and caustic chemicals and could cause bodily injury and chemical

burns. He declined to comment on what type of chemical was used, but said that if shaken, the chemical and “other material” used to make the device could create a vapor reaction that could expand the bottle and explode.

The bottles were reportedly found over a period of 36 hours from Sunday, Oct. 21 to Monday, Oct. 22 all throughout town, Light said. Two of the devices that were left reportedly exploded in the mailboxes while the other four were found intact.

No injuries were reported and police were still conducting their investigation at presstime.

“It’s a safety issue,” said Light. “If someone opened the mailbox and the bottle hadn’t been detonated; if it someone grabbed it and for whatever reason shook it, it could have created a chemical reaction powerful enough to cause bodily injury.”

He said two people were arrested Thursday, Oct. 25, in connection with the crime, which is a felony. Another was arrested Saturday, Oct. 27.

Police said they have not received any reports of similar devices since announcing it to the public via Blackboard Connect.

Bracing for Hurricane Sandy

Town, region weather historic storm

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

Like many communities in New England and along the east coast, Agawam residents and town officials spent the weekend fervently preparing for the onslaught of weather forecasted as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

“I sent out an email to all department heads and essential personnel around 7:30 or 8 a.m. on Thursday and I’m having a meeting on Friday to see what our response is going to be and to ensure everyone is prepared and all precautions are taken,” Agawam Mayor Richard A. Cohen said last week as the storm grew in intensity in the south. “You never know what a storm like this will bring.”

On Sunday, Oct. 28 at 9 a.m., Cohen declared a state of emergency for the town of Agawam, according to the Agawam Emergency Management page on Facebook, and schools were closed Monday, Oct. 29.

By as early as Sunday, Oct. 28, Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECo), had crews ready to respond to the power outages that are likely to impact western Mass., starting Monday.



Turley Publications courtesy graphic

This image from Accuweather.com shows Hurricane Sandy as it moved up the east coast last weekend.

Over the weekend, WMECo released a statement saying the forecast called for rain and increasing winds lasting into Tuesday.

“Based on the significance of this storm, power outages are likely and customers are urged to be prepared,” read the statement from WMECo spokesperson Frank Poirot. “All WMECo employees are committed to their storm assignments, which may be different from their regular jobs, to help ensure a high level of customer ser-

vice during this storm.”

According to the statement, in the event of a power loss, workers will begin trying to restore power “as soon as it is safe to do so.”

Only 1,500 residents lost power during the storm, said Cohen, adding that the majority of them had power restored within 40 minutes.



A photograph of two men shaking hands outdoors. The man on the left is older, with grey hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt. The man on the right is wearing a red and white plaid shirt, blue jeans, a red bandana with white polka dots, and sunglasses. He is holding a large, ornate trophy. In the foreground, there is a blue box with a white American flag and a white container. The background shows a large brick building, a white tent, and other people at a community event.

The Rotary Club's Harvest and Family Fun Festival Chairman and Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas, presents retired Agawam Police Sgt. Al Longhi, with the antique car show's "People's Choice Award" for his 1935 Ford five-window coupe.

A white picket fence with a central gate, flanked by pillars made of stacked stones. The fence is decorated with autumn-themed items, including pumpkins and gourds. In the background, a brick house with a blue awning is visible.



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Home is where their hearts survived

Agawam Advertiser News publisher releases tornado-themed ‘Living Spaces’

By Douglas Farmer
Turley Publications Staff Writer

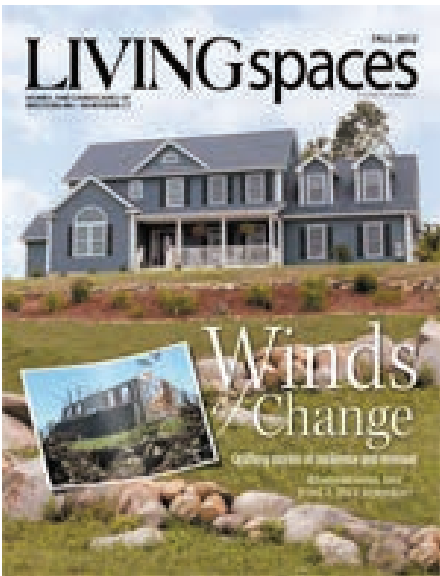
Turley Publications Advertising Director Beth Baker, a former Brimfield resident, spent much of the days after the destructive June 1, 2011 tornadoes helping to clean up property on Haynes Hill Road in her former town. And she said it was at that time that she decided she just had to dedicate an upcoming issue of Living Spaces – the magazine that features homes in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut for which she serves as associate publisher – to the houses of those whose lives were so drastically impacted that day.

And the resulting edition, published this fall, has already created a buzz, and includes the harrowing, and at times heart-warming, stories from seven families that lived along the tornado’s path. These families include the Bredviks of Wilbraham, the Johnsons and Culps of Springfield, the Peters’ and Phipps’ of Monson, and the Smiths and Phifers of Brimfield, all of whom relate the trauma of that day, the relief that they were all right, the maze of the insurance claim process, their heartfelt gratitude for volunteers and supportive local businesses and the mixed feelings of stepping into their new homes while the landscape around them is forever changed.

“While we usually focus a lot on design and materials of homes in our region, I wanted this issue to be different,” said Baker. “I wanted them to spend most of the time talking what it was like that day, and what it’s been like since.”

She said she was able to contact these families in the region with the assistance of local realtors and the helpfulness of organizations like Rebuilding Together in Springfield.

And despite the terror that cut right through their lives and those of their neighbors during those late afternoon moments



of June 1, 2011, many of whom related the helplessness of their longtime homes being torn apart above them, there is an overwhelming message of hope that came out of those events, wrote Living Spaces Editor Rich Wirth in his note at the beginning of the magazine.

“The twister touched down in the southeast corner of Westfield initially, less than half a mile from my home; had the winds shifted a bit that day, I might have become part of the story – and boy are there stories,” wrote Wirth. “In this commemorative issue, you’ll hear seven of them from four of the 10 affected communities; not just stories of resilience and renewal as our cover teaser suggests, but ones of courage, selflessness, generosity and goodwill.”

This special edition of Living Spaces is available in Wilbraham at the library and town hall as well as the Wilbraham-Hampden Times office, the town hall, library and police department in Monson, and the town hall and library in Brimfield. A sincere effort

will be made to keep these location stocked, said Baker, but those unable to find a copy can call the Turley Publications office in Palmer at 800-824-6548 and ask for Circulation Manager Charlann Griswold – a free copy will be mailed to you if you purchase a one-year subscription (which includes spring, summer and fall editions).

“This issue isn’t just for our regular readers, it’s for those in these towns that want to read about their friends and neighbors,” said Baker. “I had each writer focus on a specific town, so that the reader had a sense of what it was like when the tornado struck each individual community, and Corey Fitzgerald shot pictures that reflected not just the new homes but the neighborhoods in which they were set. I was honored to share their stories, and inspired by the spirit of community that they showed.”

Agawam Advertiser News correspondent and Feeding Hills resident Sarah Platanitis contributed to the tornado-themed magazine.

Boldyga, Knapik call on constituents to support veterans

BOSTON – State Rep. Nicholas A. Boldyga, R-Southwick, and State Sen. Michael R. Knapik, R-Westfield would like to inform the public that approximately 350,000 plus veterans live in Massachusetts, including 37,000 plus who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq since Sept. 11, 2001.

“Whether it’s thanking a veteran for their service or volunteering with an organization that supports the troops, everyone can find a way to show our veterans that we appreciate their service and sacrifice in defense of our nation,” said Boldyga.

Massachusetts has been a leader in the United States in supporting our troops and providing our service men and women with the benefits they deserve. Recent legislative initiatives including “The Valor Act” and increasing the “Welcome Home” bonus have brought increased education and employment opportunities to Massachusetts veterans and their families.

“I am proud that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has stepped up to the plate to help make life easier for our veterans. While much has been accomplished, there is a lot of work that remains to be done to ensure that our veterans are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve upon returning home. I urge everyone to support the veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country,” said Knapik.

For more information about how to support veterans living in Massachusetts, visit the websites below. There are a number of great organizations that provide invaluable services to our veterans that are looking for volunteers eager to lend a helping hand. Some of these groups can be found online at <http://www.wesoldieron.org/>, <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>, www.MassVetsAdvisor.org/, www.mass.gov/veterans, www.massguardfamily.org and www.homebaseprogram.org. For more information on how you can help veterans in the community, contact Richard Girard at the Agawam Department of Veterans Services at (413) 478-4224.

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Opinion

Are you ready?

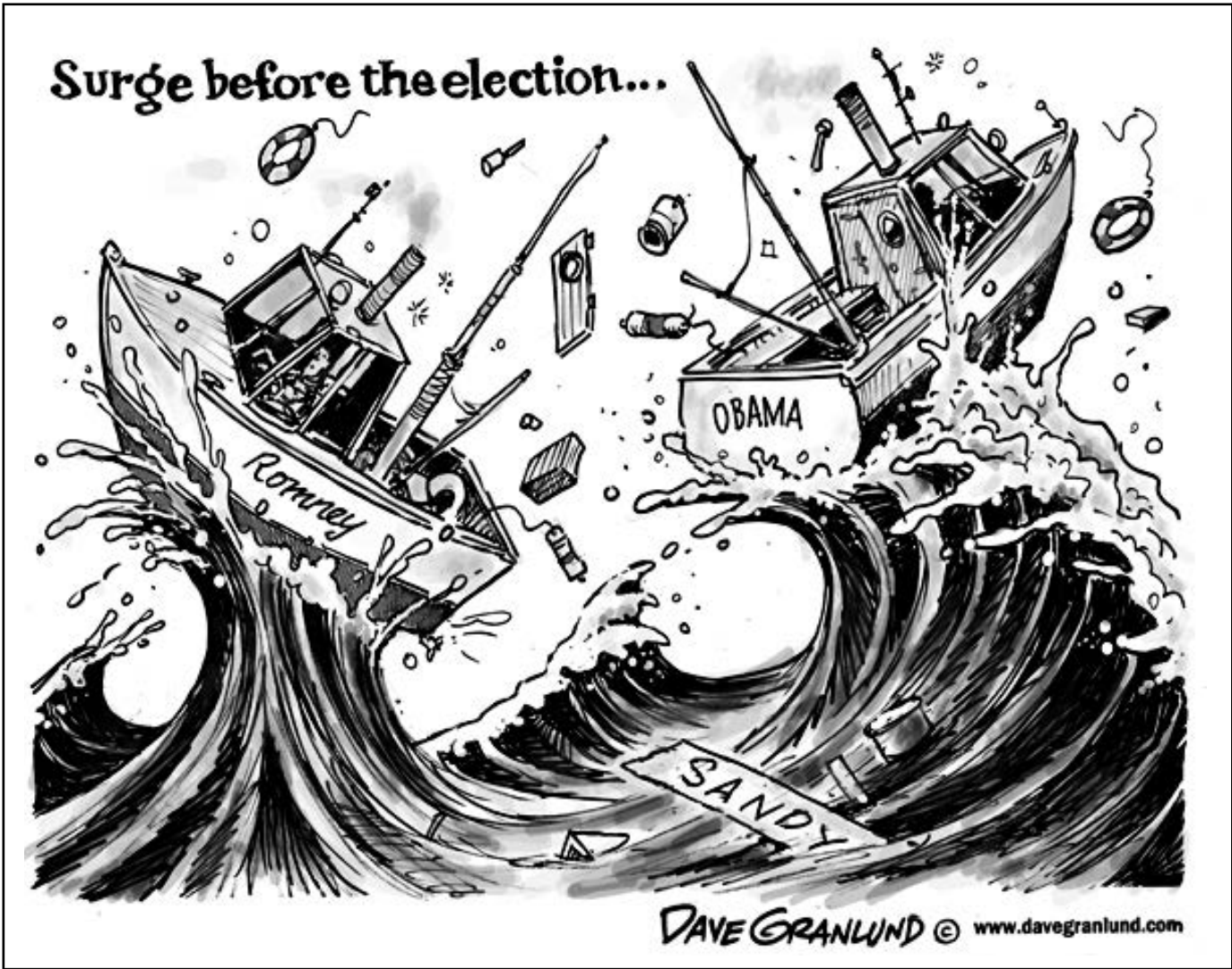
According to Town Clerk Richard Theroux, over 17,000 residents are registered to vote. Of those, he is predicting a voter turnout of over 80 percent. Will you turnout?

We've written about the importance of voting many times in this space through of the years, and we remind readers now that over the course of our nation's history, so many of our fellow Americans have defended and died to protect your right to vote.

This year, the term "voter suppression" reared its ugly headline in states that proposed legislation that would require photo identification cards to be presented at the polls or similar voter restriction measures. According to some estimates, if enacted, 23 million Americans of voting age could have been turned away at the polls on Election Day for not having the required state photo identification. This summer alone, the voting rights of five million Americans could have been stripped away due to voting restriction legislation. Thankfully and wisely, the majority of these proposed bills have been struck down or postponed indefinitely. Strict photo ID laws have been delayed in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Texas and South Carolina until after the election. In Ohio, a judge restored three early voting days, which historically produces big voting numbers, after officials there worked to omit them.

While the thought of denying millions of Americans their right to vote is a threat to the founding principles of our democracy, in some ways, that threat has had a positive impact. At no time is something more precious than at the moment we face the fear of losing it. Imagine being stripped of your Constitutional right to vote. It's singularly un-American!

This week, our Page 1 story breaks down upcoming election for you. In addition to deciding who will lead our country for the next four years, voters will decide on the too-close-to-call U.S. Senate race between Republican incumbent Scott Brown and



Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren, a race that has caught the attention of the nation as it could decide party control of the Senate.

Voters will also decide on three ballot questions, including the highly controversial Question 2, the "Act Relative to Death with Dignity," which, if approved, will allow terminally ill patients access to lethal drugs. Nov. 6 is your time to weigh in on this important issue.

Don't be silent. Vote!
The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Friends pies on sale for Thanksgiving

To the editor:

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center would like to thank the Rotary Club of Agawam for letting Friends sell apple pies at the October Harvest Festival held Oct. 20 on Phelps Green. Friends would also like to thank all those who bought pies baked by Carol Bernazki, the senior center's famous chef.

I would also like to thank Patricia Murphy, Barbara Chase, Elaine Taupier, Jeanita Pinette, JoAnn Balakier, Terri Ann Ouellette, and Devin for a job well done.

Friends are now selling pies for Thanksgiving. Meat pies will be available for \$12; apple pies for \$12; pumpkin pies for \$10; chocolate cream pies for \$10 and must be paid for in full at the time of order. To order,

call me at the senior center.

J. Emile Coté, president
Friends of the Agawam Senior Center

Rotary to be commended

To the editor:

This is a letter of gratitude and congratulations to the Agawam Rotary on a very family-oriented "Fall Festival" held Oct. 20 on the Veterans Green. It was a pleasure to see many family groups enjoying a fun day together, away from electronic networking and T.V.

As a resident of Agawam for 63 years, I extend best wishes on future events. All of your efforts are really appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jean M. Clifford
Agawam

What's the difference?

Ever wonder what the difference is between a fruit cobbler, crumble, or crisp? Although there is not much of a difference, this information may be of help.

All three are baked with fruit on the bottom. "Cobbler" would be topped with a thick dough or biscuit crust that rises. "Crisp" has a crunchy topping rather than a dough-like pastry. The "crisp" usually consists of butter, sugar, and flour that would include oats, granola, or nuts. "Crumble" is very much like a "crisp" but the butter-flour-sugar mixture is more like a streusel lacking the crunch of a "crisp" topping that would be created by the oats, granola, or nuts. "Crumble" originated in Great Britain and the "crisp" is found more in the United States. "Crisp" usually has a higher amount of sugar and/or butter than "crumble."

Most home cooks do not follow any of these guidelines when naming the fruit desserts that they create. And does anyone really care? If it tastes great, call it what you want!

Peach Cobbler - 375° oven

1 can (15.25 oz.) peaches (in heavy syrup)
2 tsp. cornstarch

2 T. dark brown sugar
1/8 tsp. cinnamon
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. lemon juice

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Fruit Cobbler Crust

1/4 C. flour
1/4 C. yellow cake mix
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
3 T. butter, room temperature

In a medium bowl, combine flour, cake mix, and cinnamon. Blend in butter with pastry blender, fork, or fingers un-

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Three ways to preserve apples

When I was little we had three dwarf apple trees growing in the backyard. I remember one fall in particular in which the harvest was pretty good - we all joined in the picking and ended up with two or three bushels of fruit. Mom always made great applesauce with the less-than-perfect apples, but that year we had enough decent ones to store some away for the winter. I recollect that we placed them in bread bags and carefully made little slits in the plastic before putting them into the spare fridge in the basement. This was all very exciting to me. I can only wonder if this early experience shaped me in such a way that as an adult I get a real kick out of growing as much of our own food as possible, and making it last well into the winter.

At just over a foot tall, my newly grafted apple trees are a few years away from bearing fruit. When unable to grow it myself, the next best thing to do is support a nearby farmer. So last weekend my husband and I visited the local orchard and loaded up the fridge with some eat-now apples as well as

some save-for-the-winter apples. It was a hectic week, so here I am seven days later, researching how to best preserve the fruit. Read on for some great options:

Keep them cool. According to "The Apple Cookbook" by Olwen Woodier (Storey Publishing \$10.95) the key to preserving the flavor and texture of apples is to put them in a cool place immediately after purchase. But first, sort them, setting aside any with blemishes for immediate use - the old saying "one bad apple spoils the whole barrel" is true! Next, put them in perforated bags (you were right on, Mom!) and store them in the hydrator drawer of the refrigerator at temperatures between thirty-two and forty degrees. No room in the fridge?

Try storing them in the cellar at temperatures close to thirty-two degrees and eighty to eighty-five percent humidity. Janet Chadwick, in her book "The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home" (Storey Publishing \$14.95) recommends storing apples in sawdust inside a cardboard box lined with a plastic. Although they will ripen more

quickly at even slightly higher temperatures, don't let the lack of a super-cold spot dissuade you from storing your apples. Sure, they won't keep till spring, but you may get a month or two out of them. Any that turn a little soft will still make great baked apples.

Dry apple slices. Years ago I made a great pie from an Old Sturbridge Village recipe that called for dried apple slices. They are easy to find these days at natural food stores, but just as easy to make yourself. First, peel and core the apples. Then, cut them into rings one-quarter inch thick. Most references advise a quick pretreatment to prevent browning - a dip in ascorbic acid will do it before putting in a one hundred and fifteen degree oven or dehydrator for six hours or more hours. You will know the fruit is dry enough when the center exudes no moisture. Once cool, the apple slices can be stored in airtight containers. Reportedly, when kept cool, they will last up to two years!

Make applesauce. I love to borrow my mother's old Foley food mill to make applesauce. It is super easy, and as I mentioned, it is a great way to use up the not-so-perfect apples. First, wash the fruit and cut it into wedges, leaving out the seed. Put the apples in a pot with an inch or two of water and cook until soft. Run them through the food mill or another type of strainer. I usually don't add sugar, but I do like to season with cinnamon and ginger. At this point you can freeze the sauce or can it. I plan to try canning applesauce next week; wish me luck

and I'll let you know how it goes!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 20 years she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. Have a question for her? Email it to dfarmer@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

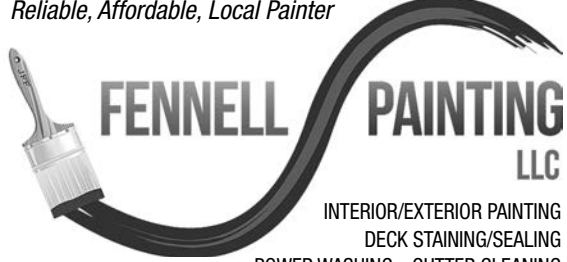
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til mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle evenly on top of prepared fruit. Bake uncovered in a 375° oven for 20 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Yield: 2 servings

NOTES: Although the presentation is not as eye appealing, one 6 1/2" soufflé dish, or an 8.5" x 4.5" x 2.5" loaf pan may be substituted for the 2 ramekins. Serve warm or cold with ice cream, whipped topping, or whipped cream as desired. I empty three boxes of yellow cake mix into an airtight container and use as needed for my recipes for two.

Ann Macey is the author of 'ANN'S TABLE FOR TWO: Quick and Easy Two Serving Recipes' and is a resident of Agawam. Ann always welcomes your questions and comments. You may contact her at: AnnsTable@gmail.com.

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- Precinct 2: Clifford M. Granger School, 31 South Westfield Street
- Precinct 3: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street
- Precinct 4: Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street
- Precinct 5: Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main Street
- Precinct 6: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street
- Precinct 7: Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street
- Precinct 8: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street

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- QUESTION 2 MEDICATION FOR TERMINALLY ILL
- QUESTION 3 MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA

Give under our hands this 9th day of July 12, 2012, Agawam City Council

Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk

Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 58 EMS calls for the week of Oct. 23 to Oct. 29.

On Oct. 23 at 1:51 p.m., the department responded to Silver Street for public service.

On Oct. 23 at 6:20 p.m., the department responded to Coyote Circle for explosive, bomb removal.

On Oct. 24 at 4:03 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for a good intent call.

On Oct. 25 at 8:04 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for natural vegetation fire.

On Oct. 25 at 1:56 p.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for a smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Oct. 25 at 5:33 p.m., the department responded to High Street for public service.

On Oct. 25 at 7:07 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 26 at 10:51 a.m., the department responded to the intersection of Sterling and River roads for a bomb scare – no bomb.

On Oct. 26 at 11:35 a.m., the department responded to Tanglewood Lane for detector

activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Oct. 26 at 4:49 p.m., the department responded to the intersection of South Westfield Street and Shoemaker Lane for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Oct. 27 at 1:02 p.m., the department responded to Charles Street for unauthorized burning.

On Oct. 27 at 4:51 p.m., the department was dispatched to the Route 57 rotary but was canceled en route.

On Oct. 28 at 5:51 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for a lockout.

On Oct. 29 at 4:26 a.m., the department responded to River Road for a building fire.

On Oct. 29 at 10:32 a.m., the department responded to Greenacre Lane for oil or other combustible liquid spill.

On Oct. 29 at 2:50 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On Oct. 29 at 3:21 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for a lockout.

On Oct. 29 at 8:59 p.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for carbon monoxide incident.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 351 calls from Oct. 23 to Oct. 29. The department made nine arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Jonathan Cusson, 32, of 74 Springfield St., Apt. 23, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Thursday, Oct. 25

A juvenile from Agawam was arrested on charges of wanton destruction of property under \$250 (two counts); exploding an explosive, incendiary or destructive device or substance (two counts); and placing an explosive, incendiary or destructive device or substance (four counts).

Amber R. Greene, 17, of 24 White Fox Road, Agawam, was arrested on charges of wanton destruction of property under \$250 (two counts); exploding an explosive, incendiary or destructive device or substance (two counts); and placing an explosive, incendiary or destructive device or substance (four counts).

Eric Matos, 20, of 46 Main St., Agawam, was arrested on an arrest warrant.

Saturday, Oct. 27

Michael M. Malerba, 22, of 989 North St. Ext., Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

Alexis Laboy, 29, of 221 Bay St., Springfield, was arrested on charges of breaking and entering in the nighttime for felony; domestic assault and battery; violation of abuse prevention order; possession of Class C drug; threat to commit crime; kidnapping; and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

A 16-year-old juvenile from Agawam was arrested on charges of wanton destruction of property under \$250 (two counts); exploding an explosive, incendiary or destructive device or substance (two counts); and placing an explosive, incendiary or destructive device or substance (four counts).

Monday, Oct. 29

Edna J. Gabel, 48, of 105 Edward St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of assault and battery.

Rick Cordeira, 52, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 25, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery; intimidating a witness; kidnapping; threat to commit crime; and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Seniors

Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

As a follow-up to last week's column, the day before the marching band contest for 12 Connecticut high schools hosted by my son, the band director of Rockville High School, saw heavy rain all day.

The field was covered with tarps so that thousands of feet would not destroy the grass. Some of the high



school fields in the state have artificial grass, but not Rockville. They do have fairly new stadium seats with the first row 10 feet high so that people in even the lower rows can see the field, including teams standing of front of them on the sideline. No one is allowed on the track during games except the cheerleaders, which also helps immensely.



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Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Nov. 5: Chapter II trip to Mohegan Sun; 8:15 a.m., Weight Training; 9:30 a.m., Fallon Ins. Meeting, Line Dancing; 10:30 a.m., Office Hours with Sen. Knapik's Representative; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna.

Tuesday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m., S.H.I.N.E (by appt.), Knitting Club, Sewing Class, Exercise; 10 a.m., PACE chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Movie ("The Artist"), Mah Jongg; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:15 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginners Line Dancing; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, Nov. 7: 8:15 a.m., Yoga, Weight Training; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 10 a.m., Friends Meeting; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Chapter II Meeting; 6-8 p.m., Western Mass. Genealogy Meeting.

Thursday, Nov. 8: No Blood Pressure

Check This Month; 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing II; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 1:30 p.m., Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Nov. 9: 8:30 a.m., Tap Class; 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 9:30 a.m., Hand and Foot Card Game; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna.

Lunch menu

Monday, Nov. 5: Chicken breast gratin, baby potatoes, green beans, apples.

Tuesday, Nov. 6: Bacon cheeseburger, lettuce and tomato, tortellini salad, birthday cake.

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Sweet and sour meatballs over rice, California blend vegetables, pears.

Thursday, Nov. 8: Chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, pudding.

Friday, Nov. 9: (Free lunch for veterans) Baked fish, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, apricots.



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It's the cat's meow

Feline Friends hosts 'Catoberfest'

By Sarah Platanitis
Turley Publications Correspondent

Building on the success of their first event last year, Feline Friends hosted their annual Catoberfest at Dave's Soda and Pet Food City on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The craft fair – nearly doubled in attendance from last year's inaugural event – had over 40 vendors, a bake sale, plus cat and kitten adoption clinic that found loving homes for several furry faces.

"It's amazing. The best thing is to see so many people come out and support the animals through this event. We hope to spread the importance of adoption for cats that truly deserve second chances," said Alanna Regan, manager of Feline Friends.

A face painter was on hand with Halloween and cat-themed choices for children to choose from and a raffle raised additional monies for the Feeding Hills charity, which is determined to better the lives of rescue cats.

Lisa Hersey, 22, of Agawam teamed up with her mother, Dawn, to make crafts and bake for a good cause.

"We baked and crafted all week to get ready for today," said Hersey. "We have a rescue cat, her name is Zoey, and when we heard about this show, we signed up so we could help more cats like her."

Hersey, a graduate of Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Mass., drew special illustrated kitty magnets for shoppers who donated \$1 at her table for Feline Friends. She also had some photo and collaged tile coasters that she sells in her Etsy shop online.

Vendors sold handmade, animal-themed items, from crocheted catnip toys to pet bandanas and gourmet biscuits to doggie bunk beds. There were Christmas ornaments and holiday pieces, jewelry, home décor, knitted accessories and pantry items. Flash Point Imagery offered a special on holiday pet photos and a tarot card reader was on hand

to tell your pet's future.

Catoberfest also welcomed many special guests. Agawam Firefighter Pam Murphy stopped by in a fire truck with Blaze the Fire Dog and Pumper the Fire Cat. Both animals help Murphy teach fire safety to school children since they can both stop, drop and roll.

Agawam Animal Control officer, Allison Strong, and dog trainer, Sherrie King, chatted with visitors about canine safety. Their rescue dogs, Romeo and Phineas, welcomed the day's visitors with their friendly faces and very good behavior.

A big draw in the afternoon for the event was author Jonathan Hall and Toto the Tornado Kitten. Hall's children's book, "Toto the Tornado Kitten" is based on the true story of the miraculous little feline found in a Brimfield tree during the aftermath of the devastating tornado on June 1, 2011.

"Meeting kids and the people who help animals, that's why we come out. Without them, Toto's story and the giving back to animal community wouldn't be possible," said Hall.

The bright and playful Toto helped his dad "sign" each book with a paw print stamp while his mom, Hall's wife, Amy, fielded questions from fans of all ages about Toto. Yes, it's true, he's been a guest at meteorological conferences and really does enjoy broccoli and strawberries.

A portion of the day's book sales went to Feline Friends. Normally, 100 percent of all proceeds from Toto's book are donated to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, who helped Toto and the many others after the tornado.

To learn more about Feline Friends' role in the community and ways you can volunteer to help, please call 413-786-5019 or email info@felinefriendsinc.org. To learn more about future events and see photographs of adoptable cats and kittens, visit felinefriendsinc.org or find them on Facebook.



Turley Publications photo by Sarah Platanitis

Feline Friends events coordinator, Maureen Fredey, volunteer Jenny Usifer, and manager Alanna Regan, are amazed by the donations given by shoppers at Dave's Soda and Pet Food City. Their annual "Catoberfest" welcomed twice as many visitors as its first year and raised funds and awareness for rescue cats in need.

Agawam Rotary to salute Rosie Robotics

The Agawam Rotary Club will host "A Salute to Rosie Robotics" Friday, Nov. 9 at Oak Ridge Golf Club. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Many people know Rosie Robotics as the high school team that builds robots and competes in local, regional and even national competitions. While this is the visible portion of the program, there is so much more.

The "team" is really more like a company, complete with chief executive officer (CEO), chief operating officer (COO) and chief marketing officer (CMO) as well as many other company positions in design, programming, public relations, and more. Who are these officers? All students. The

adults involved in Rosie Robotics are mentors, providing direction and support. But it is the young people who provide the leadership.

The salute will begin with a social time from 5:30-6 p.m. with dinner and the program to follow. Tickets are \$32 each and are available through the Agawam Rotary Club. For more information or to order tickets, contact Rotary President Candy Guerette at guerettes2@gmail.com or Rotarian John Barber at chhengraving@cs.com.

The Agawam Rotary Club is part of Rotary International, a worldwide organization committed to "Service Above Self." They meet Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Storw-ton Tavern.

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Westover serves as staging area for FEMA New England

By Kathleen Mitchell
Staff writer

CHICOPEE – Punishing winds from Hurricane Sandy may not have spared Chicopee on Monday, but a taste of their strength could be felt Tuesday in a wind tunnel on the flight line at Westover Air Reserve Base where a row of enormous generators owned by FEMA faced tractor trailers filled with cots, tarps, food, water and other essential supplies.

The military base is the New England center of operations for FEMA and officials from that federal agency, the Army Corps of Engineers and the military base were engaged in monitoring and assessing situations in six states. Their job was to compile data and send teams where assistance was requested to determine how to best meet needs and what equipment should be deployed.

“A few trucks filled with tarps, water and food left earlier this morning for Connecticut,” said Robert Perreault, chief of emergency management for the Army Corps of Engineers at Westover. Other requests had come in from two wastewater treatment plants and an emergency shelter. “Our emergency response team has to go to each site to identify exactly which generators they will need,” he said. “We have 49 of them here along with 130 specialists from the U.S. Army 249th Engineering Battalion.”

Officials said reports of damage began coming in after daybreak and were expected to continue for days to come. “There are no damage estimates yet,” Perreault said.

Congressman Richard Neal held a press conference for media earlier in the morning at Westover Metropolitan Airport after a briefing with base officials. He said Cape Cod was hit hard, Vermont was dealing with storm drainage issues and other problems might not show up right away. “This strikes me as a strong and impressive effort and is a reminder of how important Westover is as a staging area. In addition to being the staging base for all of New England, it may also become a staging base for New York,” he said, adding the Army Corps flew in from Washington, D.C., FEMA officials came from Fort Lucie in Florida and the combined force reflected lessons learned after Hurricane Katrina.

“FEMA will be here until they are directed to go elsewhere,” he said, explaining they were assigned at the base for 30 days. “We are expected to respond. It’s part of our responsibility to American families. Over the past few years the violent weather that has struck America is remarkable and the confluence of storms is a grim reminder that preparation is essential.”

Preparations at Westover included evacuating most of its fleet of C-5s to MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, which was done Sunday in anticipation of Hurricane Sandy’s landfall. Only two aircraft remained on base. The move was critical as each of Westover’s 16 C-5Bs cost about \$179 million.

“The public has nearly three billion dollars invested in Westover’s 16 C-5s, and we’re taking the steps necessary to

protect the aircraft,” Col. Jeffrey Hancock, 439th Airlift Wing Vice Commander said before the superstorm hit. “We’re also glad to be partnering with FEMA and are preparing to support any search and rescue operations.”

Neal said President Barack Obama took a proactive stance by declaring a state of emergency on Saturday. A 30-person Federal Emergency Management Agency staging team arrived at the base that day and 77 tractor-trailers loaded with emergency supplies arrived Sunday night.

Lt. Col. James Bishop said Westover had plenty of land to house the operation. “There are 2,500 acres on the base and we are not usually hit as we are not on the coast,” he said.

Like Agawam, Chicopee was spared major damage during the hurricane. However, Jeffrey Cady, general manager of Chicopee Electric Light, said they were prepared to handle outages. “We had extra lines and crews that came in from Indiana and North Carolina along with contractors and mutual aid available from across New England,” he said. “But I am glad it turned out here the way it did.”

There was only one electric outage in the city, which occurred when two lines came down in Fairview early on Monday. “It was wind related and they were back in service in less than two hours,” Cady said. “We were fortunate that the winds were not as high as anticipated.”

City schools closed on Monday, but re-opened Tuesday after a final review with the Electric Light company and police at 5 a.m.

Voters prepare for Nov. 6 election

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cannot be present to vote on Nov. 6. That number is on par with four years ago. Theroux also said ballots seem to have been issued for simple convenience for voters who just do not want to go through the polling locations on Election Day.

Absentee ballots must be received by Theroux by noon on Election Day so they can be processed at the individual polling locations.

In Agawam, the biggest decision for area voters will be the choice for President of the United States, which pits Incumbent Democrat President Barack Obama and running mate, Vice President Joe Biden, against Republican challenger, former Massachusetts Governor W. Mitt Romney, who is running with Paul Ryan.

At the congressional level, U.S. Sen. Scott Brown, R-Massachusetts, will face a challenge from Democrat Elizabeth Warren.

Richard Neal, a Democrat, will run unopposed for another term as a U.S. Representative. He will retain Agawam as part of his district after the state lost a representative following the 2010 census.

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, will defend his seat for the first time against challenger and politi-

cal newcomer Samuel DiSanti, D-Agawam. Boldyga was elected two years ago, defeating two-term Rep. Rosemary Sandlin in a close race.

State Sen. Michael Knapik, R-Westfield, will inherit Agawam following redistricting and will run unopposed. It will be his 11th term in the state senate.

Also on the ballot are three questions for voters to decide on, with Question 1 asking residents to enact a law that will require motor vehicle manufacturers to provide diagnostic information to vehicle owners and independent repair facilities.

Question 2, which has been the subject of much controversy, could enact a law that will legalize the prescription of lethal medications for patients who have a documented and indisputable terminal illness that will take their life within six months.

Question 3 will ask voters to legalize medicinal marijuana. The law would specify diseases where a patient could have a 60-day supply of marijuana for medical use only.

Polling locations are as follows: Precinct 1 – Robinson Park School, Precinct 2 – Granger School, Precinct 3 – Agawam High School, Precinct 4 – Roberta Doering School, Precinct 5 – Benjamin Phelps School, Precinct 6 and 8 – James Clark School, Precinct 7 – Agawam Junior High School.

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In the Classroom

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- Nov. 5: 8 a.m., Castleton State College
- Nov. 28: 9 a.m., Springfield Technical Community College
- Dec. 3: 12:15 p.m., Goodwin College
- Many colleges are hosting open houses in the next few weeks. Check the college website for more information and to confirm the date and time of the event.
- Adelphi University: Nov. 10
- Albertus Magnus College: Nov. 11
- American International College: Nov. 17
- Assumption College: Nov. 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 17
- Champlain College: Nov. 17
- Culinary Institute of Hyde Park: Nov. 20; Dec. 12
- Curry College: Nov. 7, 14
- Daniel Webster College: Nov. 17
- Dean College: Nov. 18
- D'Youville College: Nov. 17
- Elmira College: Nov. 10
- Elms College: Nov. 12
- Emmanuel College: Nov. 3, 12, 17
- Emerson College: Nov. 17
- Endicott College: Nov. 10, 17
- Fairfield University: Nov. 4, 10, 17
- Fisher College: Nov. 4
- Fitchburg State University: Nov. 17
- Framingham State University: Nov. 3, 10, 17
- Franklin Pierce College: Nov. 10
- Gordon College: Nov. 10, 11, 12
- Green Mt. College: Nov. 10
- Hallmark Institute of Photography: Nov. 3
- Hamilton College: Nov. 3, 10
- Hampshire College: Nov. 12
- Hartwick College: Nov. 17
- Hobart & William Smith Colleges: Nov. 10
- Hofstra University: Nov. 6, 12, 17
- Holy Cross: Nov. 11
- Ithaca College: Nov. 12
- Johnson & Wales University: Nov. 10
- Johnson State College: Nov. 10
- Lasell College: Nov. 4
- LeMoyne College: Nov. 4
- Lesley College: Nov. 4
- Manhattan College: Nov. 3, 5, 10, 17
- Mass. College of Liberal Arts: Nov. 12, 17
- Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences: Nov. 7
- Mass. Maritime Academy: Nov. 17
- Merrimack College: Nov. 12
- Mitchell College: Nov. 17
- Montserrat College: Nov. 10
- Mt. Holyoke College: Nov. 12
- Mt. Ida College: Nov. 3, 10
- Mt. St. Mary's College: Nov. 11
- Mt. St. Vincent's College: Nov. 11

- New England College: Nov. 7, 17
- Nichols College: Nov. 4
- Northeastern University: Nov. 12
- Norwich University: Nov. 10
- Olin College: Nov. 17
- Pace University: Nov. 11 (NYC Campus)
- Pine Manor College: Nov. 10
- Plymouth State University: Nov. 10
- Providence College: Nov. 8, 9, 12, 16, 27
- Quinnipiac University: Nov. 10
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- Rhode Island School of Design: Nov. 3, 10
- Riviere University: Nov. 10
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- Russell Sage College: Nov. 16, 18, 19 (check campus)
- Sacred Heart University: Nov. 17
- St. Anselm's College: Nov. 10
- St. John's University: Nov. 17 (Staten Island); Nov. 18 (Queens)
- St. Lawrence University: Nov. 12
- St. Michael's College: Nov. 10, 12, 16
- Salem State University: Nov. 17
- Sara Lawrence College: Nov. 10, 13
- Siena College: Oct. 27; Nov. 4, 10, 17
- Simmons College: Nov. 2, 4
- Skidmore College: Nov. 2
- Smith College: Nov. 12
- Southern Vermont College: Nov. 10
- Southern New Hampshire University: Nov. 9, 14, 17, 28
- Springfield College: Nov. 15
- Sterling College: Nov. 10
- Suffolk University: Nov. 12, 17
- SUNY Cobleskill: Nov. 10
- Syracuse University: Nov. 12, 16
- Trinity College: Nov. 11, 12
- UMass Dartmouth: Nov. 10
- UMass Lowell: Nov. 17
- Union College: Nov. 3, 10, 17
- University of Hartford: Nov. 4
- University of New Hampshire: Nov. 14
- University of New Haven: Nov. 11
- University of Vermont: Nov. 3; Dec. 1
- Vassar College: Nov. 12
- Wagner College: Nov. 14
- Wellesley College: Nov. 10
- Wells College: Nov. 11
- Wentworth Institute of Technology: Nov. 4, 11, 17
- Wesleyan University: Nov. 12
- Western New England University: Nov. 11; Dec. 2
- Westfield State University: Nov. 3
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- Wheelock College: Nov. 10, 12, 17; Dec. 1
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute: Nov. 12
- Worcester State University: Nov. 17
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Scholarships: See your counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application.

Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Nov. 5: Baked chicken strips with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 6: No school.

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Buttered noodles with meat sauce on the side, dinner roll, California mix vegetables, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 8: Stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Nov. 9: Steak and cheese grinder, pretzels, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

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Monday, Nov. 5: Baked chicken strips with dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 6: No school.

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Buttered noodles with meat sauce on the side, dinner roll, California mix vegetables, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 8: Stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Nov. 9: Hot dog on a roll with condiments, pretzels, coleslaw, fresh and chilled fruit.

AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Tuesday, Nov. 6: No school.

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Mayor Richard A. Cohen met with Den 2 Scouts from Agawam Cub Pack 77 for their Citizen Activity Badge project last month. From left, Jacob Baeder, Ethan Harnois, Stephen Steinbock, Michael Winer, Brendan LeBlanc, and Christian Rua.

MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES



The GFWC Agawam Junior Women’s Club recently hosted a presentation by Carrie Taylor (right), lead registered dietician for “Living Well Eating Smart,” Big Y’s wellness program. Pictured with Taylor is AJWC member Aileen Semanie.

Housing authority to host open meeting

The Agawam Housing Authority will host an open meeting Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 4-7 p.m. in the garden room at the senior center. The purpose of the meeting is to answer questions and to present information on what the housing authority has to offer.

A representative from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be there to explain the grant program for funds to upgrade the electrical and for replacement windows at Colonial Haven.

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For more information, call the library at 789-1550 ext. 8855, or email jclini@agawamlibrary.org.

Revolutionary War Stories
So you think you know the American Revolution? Then what does the Revolution have to do with municipal seals in America? Marvin Bubie, author of Celebrating the Revolutionary War – Municipal Symbols of a Free Country, will visit the library to explain Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. Included in his book are over 200 stories of the Revolution by the local cities, towns, boroughs, villages and counties where events occurred.
For more information, visit www.mnobooks.com. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this event. Call 789-1550 ext. 4 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org to register. This event is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.

AHS Class of 2002 schedules reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 2002 will hold its 10-year reunion Friday, Nov. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Ferrentino's Pizzeria and Bar, located at 1676 Main St. in Agawam.
Tickets are \$30, which includes dinner and two drinks. Any interested alumni can email AgawamHighSchoolClass2002@gmail.com to purchase a ticket. All ticket sales will be done online. Tickets are on sale now for alumni only. On Nov. 5, any remaining tickets will be put on sale for any significant others that wish to attend. Tickets will be on sale until Nov. 16.

Rotary to meet at Storrowton

The Agawam Rotary Club will meet at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7 for a luncheon meeting at Storrowton Tavern in West Springfield.
For information on the Agawam Rotary, visit www.agawamrotary.org. The Agawam Rotary is a proud member of Rotary International.
As Rotarians, they sponsor local scholarships and charities and raise money for local, national, and international service projects, including the worldwide elimination of Polio and providing clean drinking water. For more information on Rotary International, visit www.rotary.org.

PARTY TIME FOR TROOP 11630



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Girl Scout Troop 11630, with members from all four schools in Agawam, all second-graders, celebrated Halloween at a troop party last week that included crafts, stories by flashlight and trick-or-treating throughout the hall. Back row (from left), Kiera, Bradi, Hannah, Alyssa, Madison, Cora, Gianna and Zoe. Front row (from left), Pamela Moore (leader), Sydney, Bailey, Paige, Madison, Emma, Emily, Guilia, Lili and Cathryn Shannon (leader).

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Eriana Cote, 9, Amelia Checcha, 8, and Diana Ghareeb, 8, rallied together as they indulged early on their treats.

Granger Elementary School held its first-ever Trunk or Treat on Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Roberta Doering Middle School. The PTO president, Amyanne Checcha organized the event to thank the parents and kids for all of their fall fundraising efforts. A total of 21 car trunks were dressed up and over 45 families participated.

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The best things come in small boxes. These handy guys – Chated their own costumes from a box.



Lining up for the Fontaine lighted display.



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Serenity McMahon, 5, was delighted to enjoy the Halloween festivities.



Amelia Checca, 8, hopped right into character.



One of the many incredibly decorated vehicles ready to be visited.



SPORTS

Brownies fall to Minnechaug

Getting ready for postseason play

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – On Senior Night, it was another tough matchup for the Agawam field hockey team as they closed out their regular season against Minnechaug, a team they will undoubtedly see in the upcoming tournament.

Agawam was unlucky as Minnechaug scored early in the first half to go up 1-0 and the Brownies would not be able to keep pace as they lost to the Falcons 2-1.

Alexa Murphy broke through and nabbed a goal for the Falcons about 12:00 into the first half, taking advantage of a rush down the right side of the field. A melee of players ensued in front of the net and Agawam was not able to stop Murphy from getting the shot off.

Later in the first half, Minnechaug would score again on a Liz Mastrio score. He goal would put the Falcons up 2-0.

Agawam would be able to get a goal back in the second half, scoring on a Paige Preston goal. It gave Agawam a little bit of momentum heading into the late part of the game, but the Falcons would continue to also pressure Agawam

goalkeeper Jordyn Conway and kept Agawam away from their goal the rest of the game.

Conway would finish the game with six saves. Senior Lauren Brodeur picked up the assist on Agawam’s only goal.

The Brownies also lost to Longmeadow 2-0 last week as they continued to struggle against the Lancers.

Though it has been a struggle, the Brownies did do a good job keeping Longmeadow in check, holding them to just single goals in each half. Longmeadow has been known to go on excessive scoring streaks and have caused struggles for many teams.

Conway would take the loss, but finish with eight saves in the game.

The Brownies will head into the tournament with a weaker record than in the past three years. It is the first time in five years Agawam has entered the tournament with less than 10 wins in the regular season as they finished with a record 8-6-4.

What caused Agawam’s struggles was their league schedule. Five of Agawam’s six losses came in the league and will be teams the Brownies will likely see at some



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Agawam’s Paige Preston tries to make a run up the field.

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Oleksak heads to states

By Dave Forbes
Turley Publications
Sports Staff Writer

AGAWAM - Agawam golfer Patrick Oleksak is heading to the state championships after finishing in third place at the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Championships at Elmcrest Country Club in East Longmeadow on Monday, Oct. 22.

Oleksak shot a 6-over par 77, finishing just two strokes behind Longmeadow’s Billy Whitehouse for the individual title. Oleksak shot a 38 on the front nine and a 39 on the back nine.

Oleksak improved on his Western Massachusetts finish from last season as he came in tied for sixth overall with a 79.

The state championship, which was originally scheduled to be held on Monday, Oct. 29, was postponed until Monday, Nov. 5 at Norton Country Club due to Hurricane Sandy.

Agawam finished fourth overall as a team with a 341.

Other individual results for Agawam included: Eric Wolowicz tied for 15th at 84, Jeff Leclerc and Adam Verville tied for 32nd at 92, Vinnie Palazzi tied for 50th at 96 and Zach Circosta tied for 59th at 100,

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Agawam’s Pat Oleskak prepares to hit a chip shot.

Lady Brownies tourney fate uncertain

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The recent storm could have an adverse impact on the Agawam girls soccer team, which still has a pending game against Amherst.

Athletic Director David Stratton said Sunday afternoon he attempted to reschedule the game, which was set for Tuesday, to Monday.

But the advance of the storm cancelled school, the game and effectively, the entire schedule.

Agawam girls soccer currently has a record of 6-8-3. That record fails to give them enough points to qualify for the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament.

However, recently developments in the Kurty-Fielding League have given the opportunity for the Brownies to get into the back end of the tournament by tying for second place in the league.

With a victory over Amherst, Agawam would fall into a second place tie with Westfield and Chicopee Comp.

Agawam scored a big victory over Westfield on Senior Night as they won 2-0. Elyse Cote and Riley Hellstein, both seniors, score the goals for the Brownies to help Agawam get their six win of the season.

The Brownies also defeated Chi-

copee, 3-0, last week as they continued their late surge toward a spot in the tournament.

Stratton said he attempted to try and get the game in on Sunday afternoon, but Amherst was already scheduled to play that day and he was not able to pull off the game.

“It’s tough because there are a lot of teams trying to pull off games before the tournament eligibility date comes,” said Stratton.

If for some reason Agawam finds themselves on the outside of the playoff picture, Stratton said he will argue with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association to let Agawam in on the same principles used by last year’s Oct. 29 snowstorm.

After last year’s freak snowstorm wiped out play for almost a week, teams that were considered “on the bubble” were allowed to participate in the tournament. Most of those teams received very low seeds and many, like Agawam now, were below .500. The best Agawam can finish this season is 7-8-3, which would put them on the lower end of the brackets.

“It’s a valid argument,” said Stratton. “I did everything I could to try and get the game in.”

Only the dictation of the weather and the few days following it will tell if the girls soccer team reaches the tournament or is allowed in by the technicality.

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Statewide football playoff coming to Massachusetts

New system to start next season

By Dave Forbes
Turley Publications Sports Staff Writer

A monumental shift in the Massachusetts high school football playoff system will take place starting in the 2013 season as for the first time there will be statewide champions in six divisions.

The proposal passed 161-131 at a meeting of the special assembly at Assabet Valley Regional High School, the member schools of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Beginning with the 2013 season the play-off system will include three rounds of sectional play (two rounds in the West) and two rounds of state tournament play, bringing 12 teams to Gillette Stadium to determine six divisional state champions. Under the current system there are West, Central and

Eastern Super Bowls with 19 schools being named champions.

Belchertown head coach John Mayo, who was against the idea two years ago, is in favor of the new system.

“Two years ago, I was against it, but after giving it a lot of thought, in the end, I’m inclined to be in favor of the vote,” Mayo said. “Although I am a strong advocate of what our Thanksgiving ritual here means to fans, I thought that we needed something to liven up our playoff system. It was time for something new.”

“My concern personally is what Division we will end up in. There has been talk about us being in a division that would include several Division 1 schools. I’m concerned about that. We wouldn’t be able to compete. You need to consider the bigger picture and that’s the future of high school football. Most teams that we’ve played, ourselves included, have had to (cope) with declining numbers. You’re going to see more co-op programs. I’m in favor of anything that will

contribute to the enthusiasm for high school football.”

Ware Athletics Director and football coach Scott Slattery said he believes this is the right decision.

“I’m very happy with the outcome of the vote,” Slattery said. “The MIAA was well prepared and it was a great turnout. It’ll give us a true state champion.”

Palmer Athletics Director Peter Farr agreed.

“Football is the only sport that we don’t have a state champion,” Farr said. “The football committee put a lot of hard work into this plan.”

Monson Athletics Director Sarah Shaw, who’s school does not have a football program, also voted in favor.

“I think it’s a good thing,” Shaw said. “A lot of hard work was done during the past couple of years. It’ll be nice to have a co-op with Palmer or another high school. It’ll give the athletes who played football at the youth level a chance to play. Each school was given one ballot when they entered the room.”

Pathfinder Athletics Director and football coach Don Irzyk also voted in favor of the proposal, but still has concerns.

“I think it’s a start in the right direction,” Irzyk said. “I think there is still a lot of bugs in it, which will need to be fixed during the next two years.”

The way the new system will work is that teams will play the first seven weeks of the season in Central and Eastern Massachusetts (and the first eight weeks in Western Massachusetts) to determine which teams will go into the playoff pool.

Starting with week eight in Central Massachusetts and week nine in Western Massachusetts, a scheduling committee will be used to determine the schedule for both playoff and non-playoff teams.

In Central, there will be eight teams that qualify per division, while Western Mass will have four per division.

Week 8 will be quarterfinals week in Central Mass. (Nov. 1-2).

Week 9 will be semifinals week for both

Central and Western Mass (Nov. 8-9).

Week 10 is finals week (Nov. 15-16).

Week 11 state semifinals (Nov. 22-23) with games at neutral sites.

Week 12 is Thanksgiving (Wednesday night or Thursday a.m.) Nov. 27-28.

Week 13 will feature the state finals on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Gillette Stadium.

Western and Central Massachusetts teams will be placed in Divisions 2, 4, 5 and 6.

The breakdown for Western Massachusetts schools goes: Central, East Longmeadow, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Minnechaug, Putnam, Westfield and West Springfield in Division 2; Agawam, Amherst, Belchertown, Chicopee, Chicopee Comp, Commerce, Northampton, Sci-Tech, South Hadley and Wahconah Regional in Division 4; Athol, Cathedral, Drury, Easthampton, Frontier, Hoosac Valley, Lee, Ludlow, Mahar, Mt. Greylock, Pittsfield and Taconic in Division 5; and Dean Tech, Franklin Tech, Greenfield, McCann Tech, Mohawk, Monument Mountain, Palmer, Pathfinder, Pioneer, St. Joe’s, Turners Falls and Ware in Division 6.

Schools will have until Dec. 21 to appeal their divisional placement.

More than 300 school principals, athletic directors, coaches and others attended the Assembly. Following a summary presentation of the proposal there was only one question from attendees and then the meeting proceeded to vote.

A state football playoff proposal was defeated by a vote of 190-114 at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Since then the MIAA Football Committee has worked to address concerns raised by the membership and the Tournament Management Committee.

Sports correspondents Bob Schron, Tim Peterson, Gregory A. Scibelli and Nate Rosenthal contributed to this report.

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point in the tournament.

Agawam was led this season with seven goals each by Preston and Casey Noonan.

The Brownies will now await their seeding in the tournament, seedings were scheduled to come out this week, but are subject to change due to the recent storm.

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Right: Agawam’s Paige Preston (14) puts the ball back in play on a free hit.

Below: Agawam’s Meg Cocchi (20) keeps an eye on the ball as she runs up the field.



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Agawam's Jeff Leclerc watches his tee shot sail towards the green.



Agawam's Vinny Palazzi watches his shot sail towards the green.



Agawam's Eric Wolowicz follows through on a tee shot.



Agawam's Zach Circosta takes a look at the pin before hitting his chip shot.



Agawam's Adam Verville gets ready to hit a tee shot.

Eagles overwhelm Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It was another tough night for the Agawam football team, which dropped to 1-7 for the regular season as they went through Central last Friday night, losing 48-7 on their home turf at Harmon A. Smith Field.

It was Agawam's third consecutive game against a tournament-contending team, as they lost the past two weeks against Longmeadow and Minnechaug Regional.

Against Central, which improved to a staggering 7-1 for the regular season, Agawam would not be able to muster any major offense and took a beating during the first half as they found themselves being outmatched.

Central scored three touchdowns each in the first and second quarters and would notch a second half touchdown before Agawam was finally able to score late in the game.

Mike Vecchiarelli struggled passing for the very first time this season after amassing more than 1,500 yards passing through the first seven weeks of the season and putting himself among the league leaders in that category.

His favorite receiving partner, Greg Carleton, felt the sting of Vecchiarelli's struggles, as he only caught two passes for 18 yards, his smallest total of the season.

Agawam's only scoring play came on a short pass place to running back Stephen Comee. He took the pass from second quarterback Tom Cabbibo and ran 30 yards for the touchdown to put Agawam on the board. Anthony Basile kicked the extra point for the Brownies, and has started to emerge as a legitimate kicker for Agawam.

Central started out the game by scoring on a Tejano Smith 50-yard touchdown reception with 9:57 left in the first quarter. That would be followed by a Ju'an Williams extra point to make it 7-0. Williams was very good for the Golden Eagles as he made six of seven extra point kicks.

Da'Quon Clemons would score on a 14-yard run with 6:01 left after Central had forced the ball from Agawam. Later in the quarter, Aaron Owens would make a 10-yard run to make the score 21-0 with 2:08 left in the first.

Malik Johnson would come down with a pass from quarterback Cody Williams in the second quarter. Clemons would make a 14-yard run and Smith would take an interception from Vecchiarelli 62 yards down the field to score the final touchdown for Central in the first half.

Agawam is scheduled to play Holyoke Friday at 7 p.m. at Roberts Sports Complex, but please pay attention to updated schedules on Turley Sports Facebook page in the event the game is moved or changed due to the storm.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Dooley named Bentley swimming captain

WALTHAM - Senior Taryn Dooley, of Feeding Hills, will serve as one of two captains of the 2012-13 Bentley University swimming and diving teams, head coach Mary Kay Samko announced.

"Both Tyler [Champagne] and Taryn have been team leaders throughout their careers at Bentley," said Samko. "I know that their leadership and enthusiasm will trickle down to the rest of the team and we look forward to a successful season."

Dooley enters her final collegiate season as a school record holder. Dooley owns the record in the 50-yard back-

stroke (28.04 seconds) and her name is also attached to the school record in the 200-yard medley relay (1:47.09).

Dooley, in addition to the school records, ranks second in Bentley history in the 100-yard backstroke (1:00.44) and third in the 200-yard backstroke (2:11.96).

Dooley's best individual showing in the Northeast-10's was a sixth in the 100-yard backstroke in 2011. She has medaled in the 50-yard backstroke at the NEISDA Championships each of the last three years, and in the 100-yard backstroke the last two seasons.

Bonavita sets school save record

WORCESTER - Elms women's field hockey goalkeeper and Agawam resident Alexandra Bonavita amassed 16 saves

and became the program's all-time saves leader, surpassing Tammy Landon's previous best mark of 752 in a 5-0 loss to WPI on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Bonavita now has 768 saves in her standout career.

Mattarazzo shines on Senior Day

MANCHESTER, N.H. – Senior Andrew Mattarazzo, of Agawam, of the Southern New Hampshire University men's soccer team recorded his first career points in his first career start on Senior Day Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Mattarazzo, an Agawam High School graduate, totaled a goal and two assists as the 20th-ranked Penmen defeated The College of Saint Rose 6-1.

After playing sparingly in his four-year career, Mattarazzo made his first career start and notched a pair of assists in the game's first 14 minutes to help give SNHU an early 2-0 lead.

In the 87th minute, Mattarazzo's blast from 30 yards found the upper right corner of the net for his first career goal.

A 2009 graduate of Agawam High School, Mattarazzo was a two-time All-Western Mass. selection.

Carrington stops four in shutout victory

WESTFIELD - Westfield State men's soccer goalie and Agawam resident Kris Carrington made four saves in a 1-0 shutout victory over Bridgewater State on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Ripke makes defensive stops

WORCESTER - Worcester State women's field hockey freshman and Agawam native Megan Ripke made back-to-back defensive saves in the first half of a 4-0 loss to Nichols on Thursday, Oct. 25.



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Legal Notices

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Bolduc's Apparel acquires Ludlow-based company

Bolduc's Apparel, of Agawam, announced last week the acquisition of Lil' Dogs: A Visual Branding Company, a Ludlow-based screen printing, embroidery, signage and advertising specialties company, to its ranks. Lil' Dogs will make the final move of its showroom to Agawam so the two companies can operate under the same roof.

Bolduc's Apparel officially acquired Lil's Dogs on Jan. 1. Over the course of the last 10 months the production facilities have completely integrated into its new 45,000 square foot Agawam-based production facility.

Lil' Dogs has been servicing the apparel and advertising needs of the Ludlow and surrounding communities since 1997 and will continue its operation under the same name with the exact same staff.

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The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD11P0210EA
Estate of: Donald R Moriarty
Date of Death: 01/11/2011
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Bernard R Caffrey** of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that an order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 11/19/2012.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
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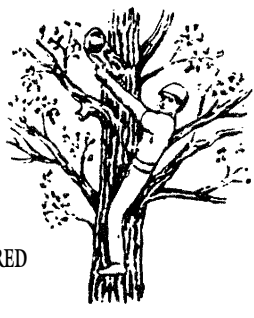
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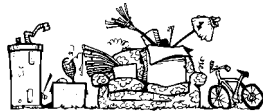
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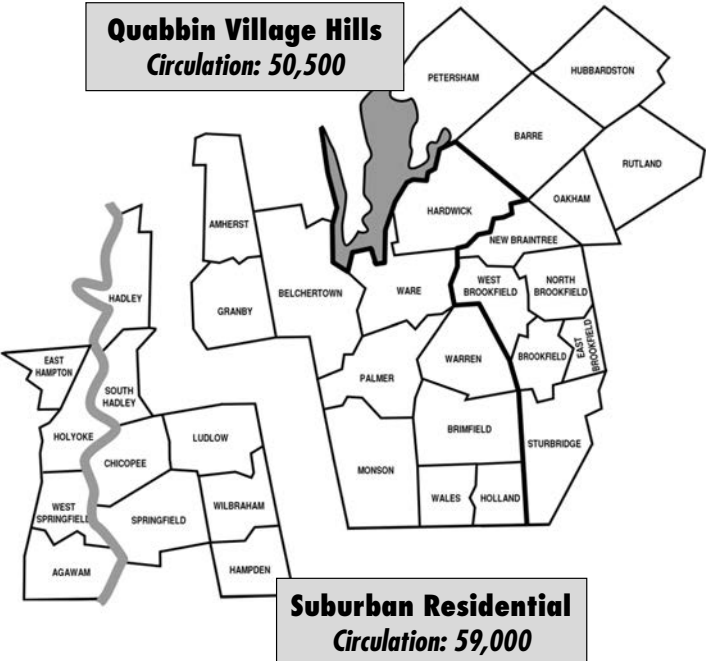
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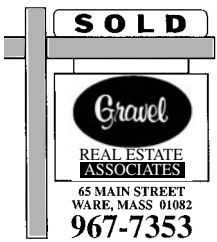
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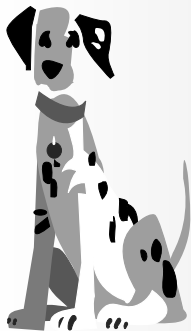
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Psychic medium stops in Agawam

By Sarah Platanitis
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Just in time for All Hallows Eve, psychic medium Lisa Lanno returned to the Agawam Public Library Thursday, Oct. 25, with her group, G.O.N.E. Paranormal, for an evening of ghost talk and messages from the beyond.

Lanno and her group, Ghosts of the North East, talked about their spiritual and scientific approach to paranormal investigations. They use technology as well as Lanno’s special abilities to gather and validate the information they collect.

“A ghost kit can be very simple,” said Lanno. “A digital audio recorder, a digital thermometer for cold spots, a K-2 meter to detect energy and an EMF detector to detect electromagnetic fields make a good starter kit. I always have a camera ready as well as something to record video.”

Lanno and her group presented audio and image evidence of ghosts and spirits. She also stated that popular paranormal-themed shows on television can be fun to watch but cautioned to the packed room of close to 90 people that chasing ghosts should be left to professionals.

“I am concerned for all aspects of their safety,” she said. “For example, many young ones will venture into places that

are legally off-limits. They are unsafe, both physically and spiritually. I was that novice over 40 years ago, exploring a cemetery in Salem, Mass., near my hometown. I was chased out by something and am very grateful that it stayed in Salem!”

That scare at age 17 was what led Lanno to try her hand at Tarot, or age-old cards often used to gain insight and clarity with a person’s life path. She knew she had some abilities, like remote viewing and the ability to see auras, but it wasn’t until the unfortunate passing of her daughter’s friend that her abilities as a medium surfaced.

“Although I see a lot of tears, and hear a lot of sad stories, there is great joy in the possibility of helping someone heal and giving them some closure,” said Lanno. “When I get feedback about how much my reading means to a person, I feel like I’ve done my job.”

Lanno works full-time as a medium and tarot reader. She fielded questions from the audience about ghosts, dreams, psychic intuition and about her children’s book, “The Secret Cave.”

Over the years, she created tarograph, a hybrid of both handwriting analysis and tarot, and uses her unique ability as a medium to give back. Lanno works on missing persons and murder cases. Recently, she worked on a case that dated back to the 1970s with a private investigator in Boston.

“If someone has a missing or murdered person in their



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Psychic medium Lisa Lanno visited the Agawam Public Library recently for an evening of ghost talk.

lives, I will do what I can to help focus in on that person and assist, if possible,” said Lanno. “I do not seek people out. However, if they would like help, they are welcome.”

Lanno told that the readings she gives at public events are entirely random. Before the event, she says that spirit friends and relatives come to her and she writes down the things for their loved ones on slips of paper. During the event, she does her best to connect the notes with people. When she finds a match in the audience, it’s equally exciting and astounding.

“I’ve learned to shorten readings to help more people but sometimes we run out of time,” she said, mentioning how when an event wraps so does her communication with the other side. “If I give a reading to someone after an event, it becomes unfair to everyone else who would not receive one.”

She also shared about how she deals with skeptics and what it’s like to work in a highly scrutinized field.

“People are anxious for answers, comfort or closure but people also have a right to believe or not believe,”

she said. “I never try to convince anyone. If, and when, they are ready, they will come to me with an open mind.”

Lanno is gearing up for her Springfield City Stage event, “Messages from the Other Side”, on Saturday, Nov. 17.

For more information about Lisa Lanno and G.O.N.E. Paranormal, visit www.lisamlanno.com or find her on Facebook.

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Friday, Nov. 2

VIEW AMERICA THROUGH THE EYES OF THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL of painters as the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues when art historian Gloria Russell speaks at the Agawam Public Library at 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

AGAWAM FIRST LEGO TEAMS will host a ziti dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, at 745 Main St. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, along with a raffle of various items. Tickets are \$8 per person and may be pre-purchased from students on the teams or at the door. For more information, contact Charlene Cameron at 786-8302 or Lynne Henry at 789-0684.

THE SPRINGFIELD SCIENCE MUSEUM will be open for public sky-gazing at 7:30 p.m. The programs are best suited for families with children ages 8 and older, however younger children are welcome. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 17 and under. Free onsite parking available. For information, call 413-263-6800 ext. 318.

Saturday, Nov. 3

THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB will hold its annual Harvest Breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets are available at Southgate Liquors and Bob's Barber Shop, both in Agawam, and at the door. Funds raised will help support the various charities of the Agawam Lions Club.

COMMUNITY GRANGE 382, 47 North West St., Feeding Hills, will hold a Polish supper with continuous servings from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. For reservations, call Pauline at 789-2061.

A CHRISTMAS COLLECTION CRAFT FAIR will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 1st Congregational Church at the rotary in East Longmeadow. Lunch will be served and parking on site and shuttle parking is free.

A HOLLY FAIR will be held at Union Church of Christ, 51 Center St., Ludlow, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Kindle Fire and an official Tom Brady autographed football with certificate of authenticity will be raffled off, as well as a handmade quilt (you do not have to be present to win). For more information, call Diane at 583-3584 or Jo at 427-6963.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA WOMEN'S GUILD will hold its Holiday Craft Fair, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the parish center, 1023 Parker St., Springfield. Admission is free.

Sunday, Nov. 4

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Active Lifestyle Fitness, 168 Elm St., Agawam. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Sunday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Active Lifestyle Fitness, 168 Elm St., Agawam; Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1 to 6 p.m., OMG, 153 Bowles Road, Agawam; Friday, Nov. 30, noon to 6 p.m., Agawam Fire Dept., 800 Main St., Agawam.

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ebrated pianists Estela Kersenbaum Olevsky and Nadine Shank, at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Amherst. Donations are welcome at the door.

A CARD, COIN AND MEMORABILIA SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT at Trinity United Methodist Church will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will feature Irwin Reese, tenor, and Julia Bady on piano. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or Edward Dibble, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 8

AMERICAN LEGION POST 185, 478 Springfield St., hosts a fish fry every Thursday night through January with servings from 4-7 p.m. (with the exception of Thanksgiving and the week of Christmas). Fish dinners are \$9; fisherman's platter, \$15; scallops and whole belly clams, \$11; clam chowder for \$3.50. Take-out orders available.

FAMILY PLAYGROUP takes place every Thursday at Agawam Congregational Church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver. The public is invited for crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

THE SPRINGFIELD HOBBY CLUB will hold its annual craft sale today and tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 309 Chestnut St. The thrift shop will hold a \$5 fill-a-bag during the same hours.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR at Hope Community Church, 152 South Westfield St. in Feeding Hills is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Springfield Pregnancy Care Center. For more information, call (413) 786-2445.

A SHEPHERD'S MARKETPLACE HOLIDAY FAIR will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be crafters, vendors, clothing, a flea market as well as a bake sale, raffle and lunch.

FIRST PARK MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Forest Park Avenue and Garfield Street in Springfield, will hold its annual holiday fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include homemade treats and crafts to attic treasures and books.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE offers free admission to veterans, active military personnel and their families (up to 6 people) on Veterans Day, Sunday Nov. 11. Special programs will highlight the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. For more information visit www.osv.org or call 800-SEE-1830.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will sponsor a blood drive for Mercy Medical Center's blood bank, Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. at St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For more information, call 786-3091.

THE AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS AND ARTISANS will meet Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. and will feature a watercolor demonstration by Joan Steinmeyer of Westfield. Guests are welcome.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Nov. 14 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 1 to 6 p.m. at OMG, 153 Bowles Road, Agawam. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

THE ANNUAL HOLLY WREATH BAZAAR will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend and enjoy the Nutmeg Bakery, Attic Treasurers, Clothesline Boutique, the Cutting Edge, Holly Berry Café, Young Peoples Shop, vendors and raffles.

WEST SPRINGFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 800 Amostown Road, will hold its annual Fall Vendor/Craft Fair and Pie Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. A variety of homemade pies for Thanksgiving will also be available. For more information, call the church office at 788-0304.

ADULT DROP-IN YOGA CLASSES is free to the public at the Agawam Public Library Nov. 27 and the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. from October through May. The classes are designed for beginners, but all adults (18 and older) are welcome. Bring your own yoga mat or towel. These classes are sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive Friday, Nov. 30 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Dept., 800 Main St. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

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WESTFIELD - Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice will offer a volunteer training for those interested in working with patients and families facing the end of life. Volunteer opportunities include both direct and indirect care. Volunteers are an essential member of the hospice team who provide caring support and compassion to patients, families and the hospice staff.

The 18-hour training is held over a six-week period beginning in December. Meetings will be held in the Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice office at 77 Mill St., Suite 201 (Mill at Crane Pond) in Westfield.

The qualifications to be a volunteer are the willingness to complete the training and to be committed to being a vital member of our hospice team.

Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice is a non-profit home health agency providing hospice care in Westfield and the surrounding cities and towns.

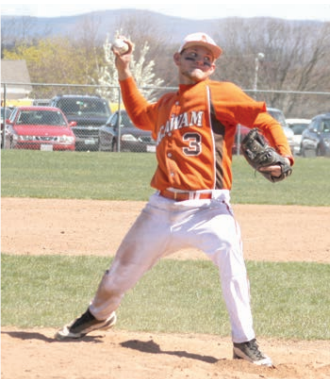
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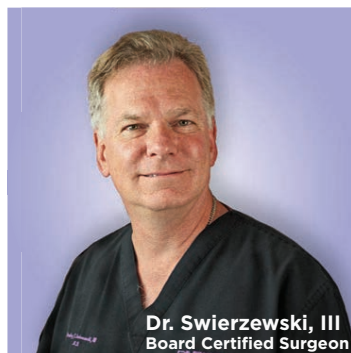
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